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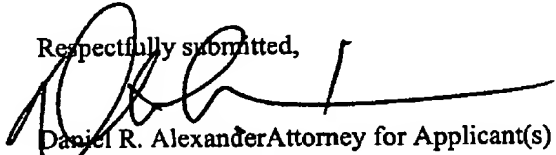
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Dear Sir:

As will be noted in an Examiner's Interview Summary, the undersigned had a personal interview with the Examiner relative to this application (as well as a number of other related applications) on September 15, 2004. During the interview, the undersigned showed the Examiner carpet samples with rebond foam cushions, and discussed the Higgins '857, Higgins '968, and De Simone '207 references, the history and development of carpet tiles, why it would not have been obvious to one of skill in the carpet tile art to use rebond foam in a carpet tile, and several features and embodiments including the flame laminated and hot melt laminated embodiments, foam density, cut, slit or peeled foam, foam strip size, and a supplemental declaration.

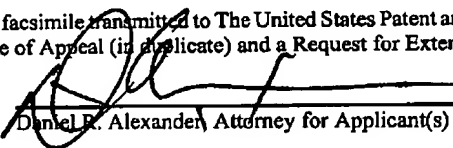
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